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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH GALLOPIN (ICRC)

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1. ROGER GALLOPIN, PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CALLED ON SECRETARY FOR TWENTY-MINUTE MEETING MORNING OF FEBRUARY 17 IN GENEVA. MEETING WAS AT GALLOPIN'S REQUEST.

2. GALLOPIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO SECRETARY FOR USG SUPPORT FOR ICRC PROGRAMS IN MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS,
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INDOCHINA AND ELSEWHERE. SECRETARY ASSURED GALLOPIN

OF USG CONTINUING APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR ICRC'S ACTIVITIES.

3. GALLOPIN SAID ICRC HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED IN ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION IN INDOCHINA, BUT THAT THEIR EFFORTS ON THE SUBJECT WOULD CONTINUE. SECRETARY SAID THIS SUBJECT WAS OF PERSONAL CONCERN TO HIM AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ICRC EFFORTS IN THIS AREA.

4. GALLOPIN SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MAKE PROGRESS AT THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE LAWS OF WAR CURRENTLY MEETING IN GENEVA, TO BRING ABOUT BETTER PROTECTION FOR WAR VICTIMS, INCLUDING PROTECTION OF POW'S AND COMMENDED THE ICRC FOR ITS ROLE IN INITIATING THE CONFERENCE AND SAID HE SHARED THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

5. THERE WAS PHOTO AND TV COVERAGE OF GALLOPIN'S VISIT, WHICH IS OF INTEREST LOCALLY IN GENEVA AND SHOULD RESULT IN SOME PRESS COVERAGE. IN BRIEF REMARKS TO THE PRESS WHEN DEPARTING, GALLOPIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S SUPPORT FOR THE ICRC AND ALLUDED TO DISCUSSION OF MIA'S. IN PRESS BRIEFING FOLLOWING MEETING, US SPOKESMAN ANDERSON EXPRESSED SECRETARY'S CONTINUED CONCERN OVER MIA'S IN INDOCHINA AND REITERATED WHAT GALLOPIN HAD SAID RE SECRETARY'S SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR ICRC.

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